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Letter dated 8 April 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to bring to your attention that on 4 and 5 April last, large-scale military exercises, under the code name "Toros 91", took place in the occupied part of Cyprus, involving not only Turkish troops stationed there in violation of numerous United Nations Security Council resolutions, but also air force and naval units based in Turkey.

The Government of the Republic of Cyprus has asked me to convey, in the strongest possible terms, its protest for the latest gross violation of the Republic's independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity.

Furthermore, I wish to point out that this new show of contempt for the Charter of the United Nations and the resolutions on Cyprus, at a time when the entire international community is stressing the importance of implementing the Security Council resolutions, constitutes a direct provocation by Turkey against the States Members of the United Nations.

It should be obvious, therefore, that Turkey is cultivating in Cyprus a cold-war climate and that the high-profile behaviour of Turkey as an occupying Power only demonstrates that the "goodwill" it is trying to project is only a thinly veiled front.

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I shall be grateful if the text of the present letter is circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 45 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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